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# **TWO CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF COUNTERFEIT ID AT AIRPORT**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on July 3, 2002 a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a two count indictment against two Russian nationals, DZMITRY KRUHLOV, dob 2/7/80, of Provo, Utah, and VYACHESALV SVECHKAREV, dob 8/6/81, of Los Angeles, California.

The indictment alleges that the defendants possessed false California Driver Licenses, and used those license to defraud the United States, and possessed five or more false California Driver Licenses with the intent to use them unlawfully. The defendants have been held on a complaint since their arrest June 4, 2002, at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. According to the complaint, the defendants were traveling from Los Angeles to Austin, Texas, on a flight stopping in Phoenix. According to the complaint, when questioned as to their identity, the defendants each produced a counterfeit license, one of which bore the name Gayle Wood and the other Terry Haas. Upon further investigation, according to the complaint, each defendant was found in possession of several counterfeit licenses each purporting to be issued in a different name.

The federal indictment charges the defendants with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Sections 1028 (a)(3) and (4), and 2.

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A conviction for these offenses carries a maximum penalty of 5 year(s), a \$250,000 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Secret Service.

The prosecution is being handled by Daniel R. Drake, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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